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ADDRESSEES PLS PASS TO USIA ASST DIRECTOR JOCK SHIRLEY FROM
AMBASSADOR BARNES

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SUBJECT: "200 YEARS OF AMERICAN ART"

REF: BUCHAREST 0343

1. I UNDERSTAND FROM YOUR DISCUSSION WITH AURY LAST WEEK THAT YOU REMAIN PREPARED TO DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO HELP US GET "200 YEARS" AND I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THIS. GIVEN YOUR HELP ON SO MANY OF OUR PROGRAMS IN THE PAST, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANOTHER PITCH TO YOU IN THE HOPE THAT THE EXHIBIT CAN APPEAR HERE AS WELL AS IN BELGRADE AND WARSAW. I WOULD ONLY REITERATE THAT IN MY JUDGMENT IT WOULD BE VERY UNFORTUNATE FOR ANY ONE OF THE THREE EAST EUROPEAN POSTS UNDER CONSIDERATION TO BE DROPPED FROM THE SCHEDULE. IN BUCHAREST, FOR EXAMPLE NOT SINCE THE ENORMOUSLY SUCCESSFUL BUT LIMITED IN SCOPE EXHIBITION OF WESTERN ART TWO YEARS AGO, HAVE WE HAD THE POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY TO EXHIBIT SUCH HIGH-QUALITY WORKS OF AMERICAN ART. "200 YEARS" IS AN OCCASION OF SUCH ARTISTIC MERIT AND IMPORTANCE THAT I WANT TO BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN WE DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY SO THAT ROMANIANS AS WELL AS OUR FRIENDS IN BELGRADE AND WARSAW GET TO SEE IT. TO THIS END I WONDER IF THE EXHIBIT SHOWINGS PLANNED FOR THOSE CITIES PRESENTLY SCHEDULED MIGHT BE SHORTENED A BIT TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE OF US WHO ARE SO INTERESTED IN "200 YEARS." WE FOR EXAMPLE
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WOULD SETTLE FOR A TWO WEEK SHOWING IN BUCHAREST IF NECESSARY.

ALTERNATIVELY, IS THERE NO CHANCE OF THE TOTAL TIME BEING INCREASED BY SEVERAL WEEKS.

2. I AM CERTAIN YOU ARE AWASH WITH PROBLEMS OF ALL DIMENSIONS AND ODORS ON YOUR PRESENT TRIP, BUT I DO WANT YOU TO KNOW THE PERSONAL IMPORTANCE I ATTACH TO THE DECISION FACING YOU AND YOUR AGENCY COLLEAGUES ON HOW BEST TO MAXIMIZE THE USE ABROAD OF THIS COLLECTION. I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT I HOPE WILL BE A POSITIVE RESPONSE. INCIDENTALLY, AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE DOUBLE ADDRESS OF THIS TELEGRAM WE ARE NOT EXACTLY SURE WHERE YOU ARE AT THE MOMENT, BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW I PLAN TO BE IN MOSCOW STARTING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY ONE. I WILL BE THERE UNTIL THE THIRD EVENING. IS THERE ANY CHANCE OF OUR MEETING? BEST REGARDS.
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